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RE: **Dr. Michael L. Dourson**, nominee for the position of Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, US Environmental Protection Agency

Senator John Barrasso
Chairman, Environment and Public Works Committee
US Senate

Dear Senator Barrasso:

I am a Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Michigan State University. I received a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from The University of Michigan and was a postdoctoral fellow at the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research, University of Wisconsin, and I am a former President of the Society of Toxicology.



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It is my pleasure to write to you in support of Dr. Michael L. Dourson's nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I have known Dr. Dourson for approximately 20 years. We frequently attend the same meetings and, thus, have the opportunity to discuss science on a regular basis. We both share a passion for enhancing science-based safety/risk assessment of chemicals.

Dr. Dourson has pursued a very successful career track centered around advancing science-based safety/risk assessment of chemicals. He started his career as a staff toxicologist at EPA's Cincinnati Office in 1980 as Chief of the Office's Systemic Toxicants Assessment Branch when he left in 1995. Clearly, based on his rapid promotion trajectory and awards received, Dr. Dourson was viewed as a very valuable EPA employee. From 1995 to 2015 Dr. Dourson was Director and President of the Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment Group (TERA). He grew TERA into a well-respected form where scientists from academia, government, industry and non-profit organizations came to work together to advance science-based safety/risk assessment of chemicals. The ability to bring individuals from different sectors together to work on important toxicology issues is one of Dr. Dourson's fortes. In 2015 Dr. Dourson moved TERA to the next level when

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he joined the faculty at the University of Cincinnati as a professor in the Department of Environmental Health and TERA was incorporated into the Department as the Risk Science Center.

The combination of these work experiences, outlined above, have actually synergized to make Dr. Dourson an ideal candidate for the position of Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, EPA. A review of his publications, awards and multitude of invited speaking engagements indicates that he is respected internationally as an expert in safety/risk assessment.

In summary, it is without reservation that I recommend Dr. Dourson to you with my highest level of enthusiasm with regard to his scientific and communication skills, and as an individual of character and integrity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Goodman", written in a cursive style.

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